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SUBJECT: U.S. AID TO CAPE VERDE AND FORMER PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES

REF: STATE 69807

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER EVENING MARCH 28
SENATOR BROOKE AND I DISCUSSED AID TO CAPE VERDE. ASKED
WHETHER WE SHOULD CHANNEL THIS AID THROUGH GOP OR WHETHER GOP
WOULD PREFER TO HAVE US DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CAPE VERDE.

2. AFTER SOME HESITATION VASCO GONCALVES SAID HE THOUGHT BEST
WAY WOULD BE TO WORK THROUGH GOP ON AID TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES.
HE WILL LET ME KNOW TODAY WHO COORDINATOR FOR U.S. AID WILL BE
IN NEW GOP.

3. WE HANDICAPPED IN THIS DISCUSSION BY NOT HAVING DETAILS OF
ACT AS FINALLY PASSED. WE STRESSED TO VASCO GONCALVES
IMPORTANCE OF OBLIGATING MONEY BY END THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT
BROOKE'S A/A SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US HE THOUGHT FUNDS AS VOTED WERE
AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED. VASCO GONCALVES ALSO ASKED US WHETHER
MONEY FOR AFRICAN TERRITORIES WAS TO BE GRANT OR LOAN. WE
UNABLE TO ANSWER. BROOKE'S A/A SAID HE THOUGHT CONGRESSIONAL
INTENT WAS GRANTS.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, WILL ASK NEW GOP COORDINATOR FOR HIS
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RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT BASED ON TRACK RECORD TO DATE I WOULD BE

SURPRISED IF THEY HAVE ANY PROJECTS ALREADY PREPARED. RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 3, AM RELUCTANT TO ASK HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION. GOP OBVIOUSLY WOULD PREFER GRANTS. SUGGEST WE DEFINE U.S. POSITION FIRST AND THEN SEEK THEIR RESPONSE.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FULL DETAILS OF AID PROGRAM, INCLUDING ACTUAL TEXT OF LEGISLATION.
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